

Subpart 516.5 - Indefinite-Delivery Contracts

Parent topic: [Part 516 - Types of Contracts](#)

516.500 Scope of section.

COs shall follow the INFORM procedures in section [515.370](#) for all applicable orders.

516.505 Ordering.

(a) *Use of Lowest Price Technically Acceptable*. Lowest price technically acceptable may be a useful evaluation process when placing task or delivery orders. FAR [16.505\(b\)\(1\)\(ii\)\(F\)](#) prescribes when this process is appropriate to use. For assisted acquisitions for DoD, DFARS [216.505\(b\)\(1\)\(A\)](#) prescribes the required LPTA considerations. A contracting officer should not use this process without doing the following:

(1) *Documentation requirements*. If the contract's ordering instructions allow for the use of the lowest price technically acceptable, the rationale for why this method of evaluation is being utilized should be clearly described in the acquisition plan (see FAR [7.105\(b\)\(4\)](#)). The rationale should include a description as to why utilizing this methodology will not harm the Government.

(b) *Task-order and delivery-order ombudsman*. Contracting officers shall reference <http://www.gsa.gov/ombudsman> when completing FAR clause [52.216-32](#), Task-Order and Delivery-Order Ombudsman.

516.506 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

(a) In solicitations and contracts for Special Order Program items, when the contract authorizes the Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) and other activities to issue delivery or task orders, insert the clause at [552.216-72](#), Placement of Orders. If only FAS will issue delivery or task orders, insert the clause with its Alternate I.

(b) If the clause at [552.216-72](#) is prescribed, insert the provision at [552.216-73](#), Ordering Information, in solicitations for Special Order Program items and in other FAS Program solicitations.

(c) The Contracting Officer may insert clause [552.216-75](#) in solicitations and GSA-awarded IDIQ contracts, not including Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) contracts. This clause should be included in all GSA-awarded Governmentwide acquisition contracts and multi-agency contracts. See [538.273](#) for clauses applicable to FSS contracts.